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The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF
AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
RECREATION FOR THE CRESCENTA VALLEY DOG PARK PROJECT
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$300,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for a dog off-leash area in Crescenta Valley Community Regional Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed administrative actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.
2. Allocate \$300,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Crescenta Valley Dog Park Project.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant in the amount of \$300,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Crescenta Valley Dog Park Project, when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$300,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation for its Crescenta Valley Park Dog Off-Leash Area Pilot Project.

The proposed project consists of an approximately 1.5-acre dog park in the northwest section, adjacent to the parking lot, of the existing 32-acre Crescenta Valley Park. The proposed project includes construction of two entry ways, leading into separate areas for small and large dogs; dog hose-off areas; walkways; installation of drinking fountains and water faucets for the dogs; decomposed granite and cedar chip surfacing; landscaping; irrigation; restriping and improvements of the existing parking lot to meet the current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; a six-foot-high chain link fence; signage; benches; shade coverings; and trash receptacles.

In a related item on today's agenda, the Department of Parks and Recreation is recommending approval to allocate County Excess Funds of the Crescenta Valley Park Dog Off-Leash Area Pilot Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by enhancing recreational activities at Crescenta Valley Park in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in the amount of \$300,000 is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Department of Parks and Recreation has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District for county projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award a grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Crescenta Valley Dog Park and as such, will prepare appropriate environmental document for the proposed project.

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants, which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended project will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District and will enhance recreational opportunities at Crescenta Valley Park in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

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CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director, Parks and Recreation

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors